

Claim 10 (Original) The method of Claim 9 additionally comprising providing reinforcements for the suture stitches.

Claim 11 (Original) The method of Claim 7, comprising pinching adjacent leaflets together so that a portion of the inner faces of the adjacent leaflets are in facing relationship with each other.

Claim 12 (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein the adjacent leaflets are pinched together at the out-flow end so as to create partial closure of the adjacent leaflets.